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SUBJ: SMUGGLING OF CLOVES

1. ON JANUARY 3, INDONESIAN NATIONAL POLICE INTERCEPTED TWO TRUCK LOADS OF IMPORTED CLOVES ON JAKARTA BY-PASS HIGHWAY. POLICE QUESTIONED DRIVERS AND TRACED CLOVES BACK TO WAREHOUSE OF P T PASAKO VEEM, ONE OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS USED BY EMBASSY. P T PASAKO VEEM PERMITTED P T MISSI RUSLI, ANOTHER FREIGHT FORWARDER NEVER USED BY EMBASSY, THE USE OF ITS WAREHOUSE. ON CHECKING IMPORT DOCUMENTS THROUGH CUSTOMS AND FOREIGN OFFICE PROTOCOL, POLICE DETERMINED DOCUMENTS CALLED FOR IMPORTING 2,240 KILOS(8 CASES) OF LIBRARY SUPPLIES FOR USIS ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED FROM INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY IN SINGAPORE. AFTER DOCUMENTS HAD CLEARED FOREIGN OFFICE WEIGHTS ON DOCUMENTS WERE INCREASED TO 63,000 KILOS. FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED EMBASSY ON JANUARY 9 OF APPARENT SMUGGLING AND REQUESTED EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCOMPANY REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN OFFICE, CUSTOMS, ATTORNEY GEN'S OFFICE AND NATIONAL POLICE TO MEET IN P T PASAKO VEEMS WAREHOUSE WHICH HAD BEEN SEALED BY CUSTOMS. WAREHOUSE CONTAINED REMAINDER OF SMUGGLED CLOVES AND IT WAS DETERMINED LIBRARY SUPPLIES WERE NON-EXISTANT. FROM EMBASSY INVESTIGATION AND POLICE QUESTIONING OF PRESIDENT OF P T MISSI RUSLI APPEARS EMBASSY ASSISTANT

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CUSTOMS AND SHIPPING CLERK, PAUZIE SALEH, HAD PROCESSED

THE DOCUMENTS COVERING THE ALLEGED USIS SUPPLIES  
THROUGH HIS SUPERVISORS AND PROTOCOL SECTION OF  
FOREIGN OFFICE. HE ABANDONED HIS POSITION ON JANUARY 6  
ON THE PRETENSE OF VISITING HIS FAMILY IN PALEMBANG  
POLICE ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE HIM AND THE INVESTI-  
GATION IS CONTINUING.

2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATE CLOVES IMPORTED FROM  
ZANZIBAR AND TRANSSHIPPED IN SINGAPORE BY LARGE SMUG-  
LING SYNDICATE.

3. FIRST STORIES WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS  
DID NOT IDENTIFY US EMBASSY OR USIS BUT  
REFERRED ONLY TO A FOREIGN EMBASSY. A JOURNALIST  
FROM SINAR HARAPAN LEARNED THAT IT WAS THE US EM-  
BASSY WHICH WAS INVOLVED AND CALLED USIS PRESS OFFICER.  
AS AGREED BEFOREHAND BY AMBASSADOR, DCM AND ACTING  
PAO. PRESS OFFICER EXPRESSED EMBASSY'S SURPRISE AT  
RECEIVING THE REPORT AND STATED THE EMBASSY WAS  
COOPERATING FULLY WITH INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES AS  
INVESTIGATION PROGRESSSED. SINAR HARAPAN THEN PUBLISHED  
ON JANUARY 11 A STORY WHICH ACCURATELY DETAILED THE  
SMUGGLING ATTEMPT AND THE HISTORY OF PREVIOUS SUCH  
ATTEMPTS BY THE ALLEGED INDONESIAN SMUGGLER WHO WAS  
WELL KNOWN TO INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES. ARTICLE ALSO  
STRESSED THAT SMUGGLING ATTEMPT WAS UNCOVERED THROUGH  
THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF THE CUSTOMS OFFICE, THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE,  
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND US EMBASSY. ARTICLE  
ALSO ACCURATELY QUOTED USIS PRESS OFFICER ON EMBASSY'S  
POSITION.

4. A SECOND ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
INDONESIAN OBSERVER ON MONDAY JANUARY 13 FOLLOWED  
SAME LINES AS SINAR HARAPAN. EMBASSY BELIEVES SINAR  
HARAPAN REPORT VERY TIMELY, SERVED TO PUT MATTER IN  
TRUE PERSPECTIVE AND HELPED TO COUNTER ERRORS CONTAINED  
IN EARLIER NEWSPAPER REPORTS. NO EFFORT IN PRESS TO EXPLOIT INCIDENT  
IN WAY HARMFUL TO US IMAGE.

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5. AT PRESENT, LITTLE PUBLIC REACTION TO THE INCIDENT,  
IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, THEY WILL BE  
REPORTED IMMEDIATELY. NEWSOM

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